

# HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND SITUATION REPORT

## PUBLIC HEALTH – SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY

REPORT #: 4	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 10/20/09-10/26/09	DATE: 10/23/09	TIME: 13:00
Incident Name/Incident Type: H1N1 Response			MISSION #: 09-2887
Locations/Areas Affected: King County			
HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND CENTER (ACC) STATUS			
ACC Activation Status:	<u>ACTIVATED</u>		
Location:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Site:	
Hours of Operations:	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hour Ops.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Days/Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Off Hours Emergency Contact 24/7: Public Health Duty Officer

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS/DECLARATIONS

JURISDICTIONS	NAME OF JURISDICTION	DATE	COMMENTS
County Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Washington State Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Federal Health Declaration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sunday, 4/26/2009	The Department of Health and Human Services issued a nationwide public health emergency declaration in response to recent human infections with a newly discovered swine influenza A (H1N1) virus
Federal Disaster Declaration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

## RESPONSE GOALS

- Protect the public's health by minimizing the spread of H1N1 influenza in the community.
- Achieve situational awareness about flu activity in King County and impacts on the healthcare system and the broader community
- Support the informational and medical resource needs of healthcare partners
- Maintain consistent and timely public information about H1N1 flu and response activities
- Maximize availability of H1N1 vaccine to protect the public's health
- Maintain continuity of Public Health operations

## SUMMARY OF EVENT

### CURRENT SITUATION

Several indicators continue to show rising influenza activity in King County. Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness have been increasing since the beginning of September and are now comparable to levels observed during the spring H1N1 outbreak. Hospital admits for 2009 H1N1 flu are also approaching levels seen at the height of the spring outbreak. The number of hospitalizations where flu subtyping has not been performed is increasing as well, and many of these are likely to be 2009 H1N1 flu cases. Clinics that are part of Public Health's influenza surveillance system are showing

more activity recently, with both the number of specimens and the percentage of positive tests for influenza unusually high for this time of year.

Between 10/4/09- 10/19/09 the following hospitalizations and deaths have been reported to Public Health

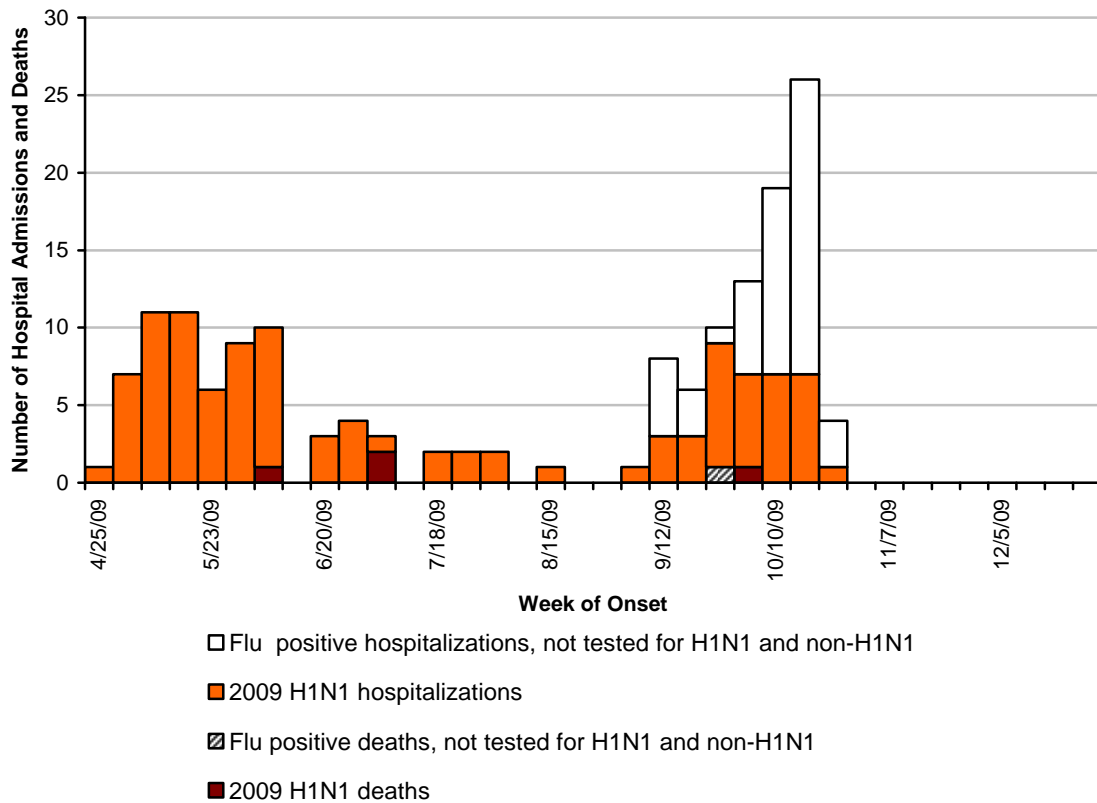
Confirmed 2009 H1N1 hospitalizations: 18

2009 H1N1 deaths: 1

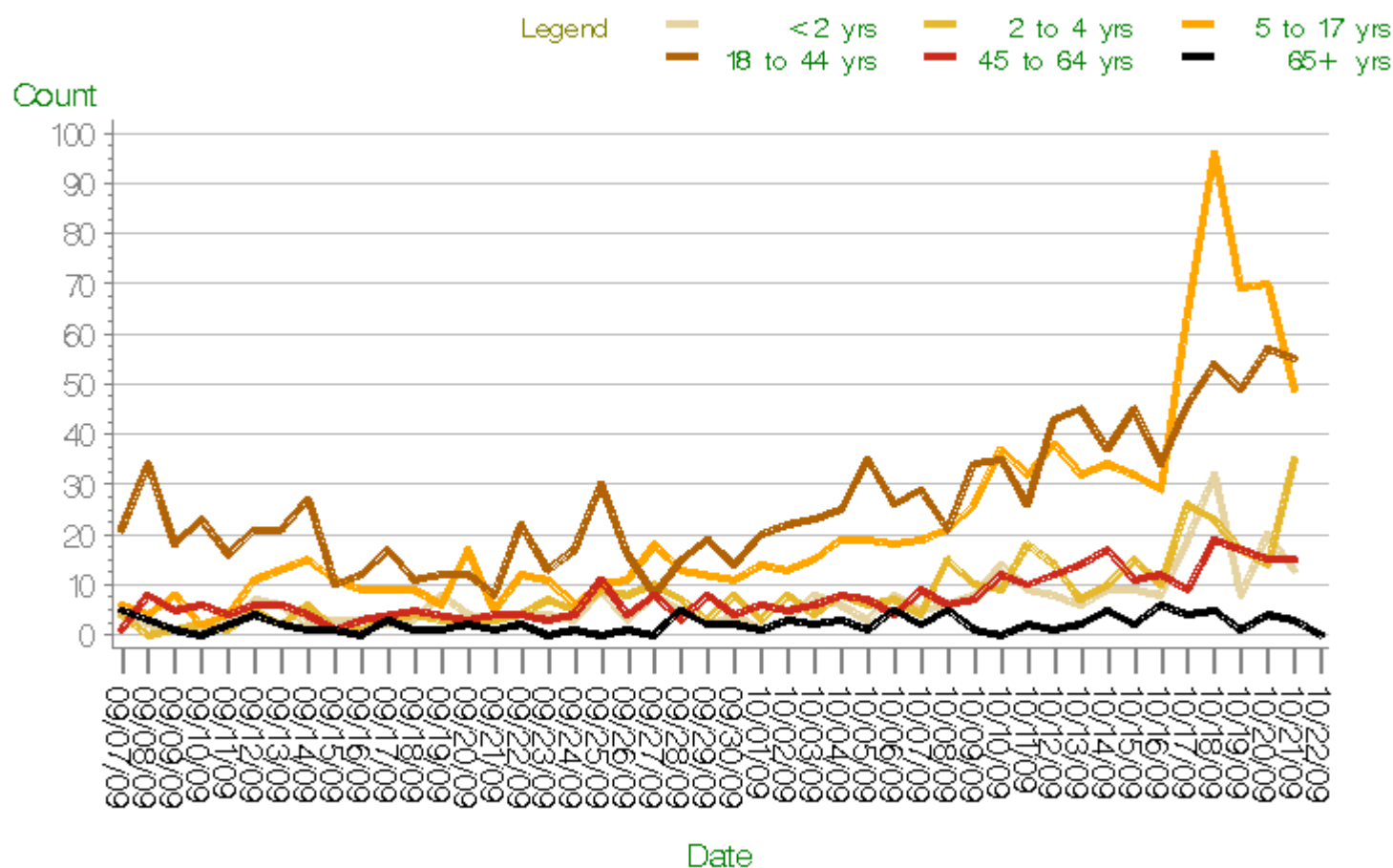
Non-H1N1 or not tested influenza hospitalizations: 21

Non-H1N1 or not tested influenza deaths: 1

**Public Health - Seattle and King County**  
**Hospital admissions and deaths due to laboratory-confirmed influenza**



## Daily Count of ED Visits for Influenza—Like Illness By Age Group



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School absenteeism also continues to increase with some elementary, middle and high schools reporting absenteeism above 10%.

### H1N1 VACCINE

Manufacturing delays in the in the production of H1N1 vaccine led to a significant decrease in the expected number of doses currently available nationwide.

As of 10/23/09, the CDC and Washington State Department of Health have allocated 97,445 doses of H1N1 vaccine to King County. Public Health will continue to place orders for the allocated H1N1 doses on behalf of King County healthcare providers enrolled as H1N1 vaccine providers

On Wednesday, October 21, Public Health Centers began providing vaccine to existing clients that fall within the priority groups at all Public Health Center locations and offering free H1N1 vaccine to uninsured King County residents through age 64 with underlying health problems. As of the end of 10/22/09 Public Health has vaccinated approximately 4,853 individuals. As of close of business on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Public Health no longer has sufficient supply to offer free vaccine to uninsured individuals.

### PUBLIC HEALTH FLU HOTLINE

The Public Health Flu Hotline is open and staffed with general operators and nurses to provide H1N1 information, including questions related to vaccine availability and medical triage by nurses. As of the end of 10/22/09 the Flu Hotline received 1790 calls. The Flu Hotline number is 1-877-903-KING (5464). Operators and nurses are available Monday-Friday 9am

5pm. The recorded messages are available 24 hours daily.

### HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND – OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain situational awareness regarding flu activity in King County and impacts on the healthcare system and the broader community.
2. Continue to monitor and support the availability of antivirals.
3. Activate the Public Health Call Center to manage questions from providers and the public about vaccine availability.
4. Maintain timely public education and communication regarding availability of vaccine.
5. Allocate available formulations for H1N1 vaccine to PH, EMS and healthcare providers.
6. Activate the Public Health clinic H1N1 vaccination sites.

### MAJOR ACTIONS

- Ongoing influenza surveillance
- Finalizing distribution plan for Tamiflu® oral suspension
- Hosting reoccurring conference calls with regional pharmacies regarding commercial availability of Tamiflu® supplies
- Operating Public Health Flu Hotline with general operators and nurses to answer H1N1 influenza questions
- Developing communication materials and addressing media inquiries regarding H1N1 vaccine delivery
- Allocated currently available H1N1 vaccine formulations
- Operating H1N1 vaccination clinics at Public Health Centers for Public Health clients uninsured individuals through age 64 with serious health conditions

### ESF-8 SITUATION STATUS REPORT – H1N1

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